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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. ON SEPTEMBER 28 PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: HE IDENTIFIED THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) AS THE MOST INTERESTING ITEM IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR LATIN AMERICA AND DESCRIBED IT AS A "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH" WHICH HE HOPED TO SEE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE MANILA DECLARATION, UNCTAD, AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN PARIS. PERU, HE SAID, IS INTERESTED IN RESTRUCTURING THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, AN EQUAL ROLE FOR THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FULL PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND EQUAL CONTROL IN THE BUYING AND SELLING OF RAW MATERIALS AND DETERMINATION OF PRICES.

2. CONCERNING THE PERUVIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, HE SAID, IT IS A MIXTURE OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES, NEITHER SOCIALISTIC NOR CAPITALISTIC, WHICH INCLUDES ALL NATIONAL VALUES - MORAL, ECONOMIC, HUMAN. TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, WE MUST STICK TO MEDIUM TECHNOLOGY RATHER THAN TOO SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY. HE CALLED THIS "AN ORIGINAL PERUVIAN STYLE," AND SAID WHILE ACCEPTING ADVICE FROM

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OUTSIDE, PERU MUST SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS.

3. CONCERNING FOREIGN INVESTMENT, HE SAID THAT TRANS-NATIONALS CAN BE DANGEROUS IN CERTAIN RESPECTS BECAUSE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER, BUT IF TRANSNATIONALS RESPECT THE RULES OF THE GAME AND RECOGNIZE LIMITS OF PROFIT, THERE WILL BE NO ELEMENT OF FUTURE CONFLICT FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

4. DE LA PUENTE SAID THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD MUST BE CONCERNED EXCLUSIVELY WITH MILITARY AND NOT POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

5. ASKED IF PERU SUPPORTS A SECOND TERM AS SECRETARY GENERAL FOR WALDHEIM, HE SAID PERU ENJOYS AN "EXCELLENT" RELATIONSHIP WITH WALDHEIM AND WILL NOT PREVENT HIS RE-ELECTION IF IT IS THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. WALDHEIM, HE ADDED, HAS THE FULL RESPECT OF MEMBER STATES, AND THERE IS NO OTHER CANDIDATE SO FAR.
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